

Dear Garrison,

41 I need not say how glad I and all the Progressive Friends would be to see you at our meeting this year. It comes so close upon the heels of the N. E. Convention that I fear you may not be able to do so; but you can at least give us a word of sympathy and counsel in a letter, and this I hope you will not fail to do.

Thank you for your letter received yesterday. It will be best, I think, to say nothing further about Arnold Buffum. I confess it went against the grain to print such an article from Lewis Tappan in the Standard, but you know Arnold's children (Mrs. Spring & Mrs. Chase) are friends of the Am. A. S. Society, and as the sketch had been prepared at their solicitation, and they wanted 50 copies of the paper

containing it, I thought it would be
best to let them have their way. The
sketch, in itself, was wholly unobjectionable,
and involved no compromise of our
testimony against L. J.'s scandalous
course in 1840 and since.

Yours, faithfully,

A. Johnson.

April 20, 1857.